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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Patent Application
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For: **Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**

Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
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Applicants wish to bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner. Applicants are aware of an unpublished report that the RNase H and polymerase activities can be separated and that AMV RT missing 1/3 of the amino end of the native molecule results in an enzyme that lacks RNase H activity but still possesses polymerase activity. However, this report has not been confirmed and is believed to be incorrect.

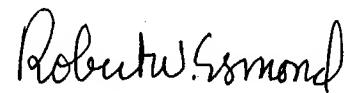
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